Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: രൂപപ്രകാരം നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടായിരിക്കണം.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: റട്ടചെയ്ത സ്റ്റാമ്പ് ഉപയോഗിച്ചതായി ഒരു കേസു കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചു എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അത് ആരു എങ്ങിനെ കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: കാട്ടാക്കട അഞ്ചലാഫീസിൽ ഉപയോഗിച്ച ഫീ കാശിന്റെ സ്റ്റാമ്പു ഒരു എഴുത്തിൽ പതിച്ചിരുന്നു. അതു കണ്ടുപിടിക്കയും ഉടനെ പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണക്കയച്ചു നടപടി നടത്തുന്നതിനു അയയ്ക്കുകയുംചെയ്തു.

Ganja cultivation.

21. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total quantity of ganja used per annum in the State;

(*b*) the amount that is now being spent for it;

(*c*) whether ganja plant grows abundantly in our country;

(*d*) whether ganja plants growing in hilly tracts are being destroyed by Government; and

(*e*) the amount that is being expended annually for destroying the same?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) The average annual consumption of ganja for the last 5 years is 4685 seers.

(*b*) Bh. Rs. 3-anna 1 per seer.

(*c*) It would grow spontaneously in some of the hilly tracts.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No expenditure is incurred separately and exclusively for the destruction of ganja.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഗഞ്ചാകൃഷി നശിപ്പിച്ചുകളയുന്നതിനു പ്രത്യേകം ചിലവൊന്നുമില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. എന്നാൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും വിധത്തിലുള്ള ചിലവ് ഇതുകൊണ്ട് ഉണ്ടാകുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: ഉള്ള ആളുകളിൽനിന്ന് ഈജോലിക്കു അപ്പോഴപ്പോൾ ചിലരെ അയക്കാറുണ്ട്. അതിലേക്കു പ്രത്യേകചിലവൊന്നുമില്ല.

Audit of accounts of the State Aided Bank.

22. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the accounts of the State Aided Bank have been audited by any certified auditors during 1109, 1110 and 1111, and, if so, when and by whom;

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(*b*) whether the auditors have submitted their reports;

(*c*) whether the reports contain any remarks about the working and financial position of the Bank; and

(*d*) whether the Government have taken any action on these reports?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: (*a*) Yes. Besides the audit conducted by the auditors appointed by the Bank, the accounts were audited by Messrs. Batliboi and Purohit in August 1934 (1110) and by Messrs. B. T. Thakur and Sohanlal Kothari in April 1936 (1111).

(*b*) The reports by the auditors appointed by the Bank are reports to the Board of Directors of the Bank. The other auditors have submitted their reports to Government.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know, Sir, the special reason which induced Government to have a special audit conducted by Messrs. Batliboi and Purohit and Messrs. B. T. Thakur and Sohanlal Kothari?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: We got bad reports about the condition of the Bank.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether they have reported anything about the financial stability of the Bank?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know what it is?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: I cannot say what it is, because it is confidential.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: Why is it kept confidential?

Rao Bahadur A Rengasvami Aiyar: It is intended for the shareholders only.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether the members on this side of the House are not entitled to know it in the interests of the public?

President: Order, order. Evidently the answer was given in the belief that to make certain matters public might rouse needless panic and might jeopardise the efforts of those who are trying to put the affairs of this Bank in order.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: With reference to part (*b*) of the answer, may I know what action the Government have taken?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: Copy of the report has been forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Did Government get any reply from the Board of Directors?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: No.

Vending of stamp paper.

23. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to atate:

(*a*) whether it is an offence if stamp papers, though the sale thereof is vested in the vendors, are bought of persons other than vendors:

(*b*) the object of the endorsement on the stamp paper;

(*c*) whether vendors of stamp papers at times keep back stamp papers for their convenience and at the same time account for them;

(*d*) the necessity for the endorsement when any stamp paper, though bought by or for any body, may be used by any person at will; and

(*e*) whether the law enjoins that the stamp paper can be old only to a certain extent?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) It does not appear to be an offence.

(*b*) & (*d*) It helps to trace the source from which the stamp paper was obtained, so that the making and sale of counterfeit stamps may be avoided. It also enables the refunding authority to verify the date of sale, etc., in cases of applications for refund of the misused or spoilt stamp papers.

(*c*) Government are not aware.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

Market at Muttam.

24. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether land was acquired, after the preliminary proceedings extending to two or three years, for opening a new market at the 5th mile on the Todupuzha-Arakulam road in the Karikode pakuthi, Todupuzha taluk, and whether the *sannad* therefor given after the market was auctioned and whether the local inhabitants have built many buildings including two-storied ones and are carrying on trade expecting that the market would be opened immediately;

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